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SUBJECT: ARMED ROBBERY OF YUGOSLAV CONSUL GENERAL
IN NEW YORK CITY

1. AT 10:30 P.M. AUGUST 25 AN UNIDENTIFIED BLACK MALE
BRANDISHING A PISTOL FORCED YUGOSLAV CONSUL GENERAL
BULAJIC (NEW YORK CITY) AND HIS WIFE, SON OF
COUNSELOR TO NIGERIAN UN MISSION, AND AN UNIDENTIFIED
WOMAN INTO AN ELEVATOR OF BUILDING IN WHICH BULAJIC
RESIDES. AFTER ROBBING THE FOUR, THE GUNMAN FLED.
ACCORDING TO NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT (NYPD), SUSPECT
REPORTEDLY ROBBED FOUR OTHER PERSONS UNDER SIMILAR CIR-
CUMSTANCES WITHIN THE FOLLOWING HOUR. NYPD AND FBI ARE
INVESTIGATING BUT NO SUSPECT DEVELOPED TO DATE.

2. YUGOSLAV FIRST SECRETARY VIDOVIC CALLED ON EUR/EE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR BROWN AUGUST 28 TO REPORT INCIDENT TO
DEPARTMENT AND TO CONVEY HIS AMBASSADOR'S DEEP CONCERN
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FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL OFFICIAL YUGOSLAV PERSONNEL IN THE

U.S. IN LIGHT OF IT. VIDOVIC CLAIMED THAT BULAJIC INCIDENT SHOWS THAT YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS IN U.S. ARE "NOT REALLY SECURE", AND REQUESTED THAT U.S.G. TAKE EFFECTIVE PROTECTIVE MEASURES.

3. VIDOVIC ALSO COMPLAINED THAT WHEN BULAJIC TRIED TO CONTACT NYPD USING EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER GIVEN TO HIM

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, HE HEARD TAPED MESSAGE STATING "THIS IS NOT A WORKING NUMBER".

4. POINTING TO TELEPHONIC THREATS TO BULAJIC'S LIFE LAST YEAR, VIDOVIC QUESTIONED WHETHER AUGUST 25 ASSAULT WAS MERELY COINCIDENCE. VIDOVIC CLAIMED THAT ONE ANONYMOUS CALLER LAST YEAR HAD THREATENED TO HAVE BLACKS KILL BULAJIC. (BEGIN FYI: EUR/EE FILES INDICATE THAT WHILE THERE WERE RUMORS LAST YEAR, THAT EMIGRE EXTREMISTS WERE TRYING TO HIRE BLACKS TO FIRE BOMB OFFICIAL YUGOSLAV INSTALLATIONS, BULAJIC'S NAME WAS NOT MENTIONED. END FYI)

5. BROWN MADE FOLLOWING POINTS IN RESPONSE TO VIDOVIC'S PRESENTATION:

(A) DEPARTMENT DEPLORES THIS KIND OF INCIDENT FULLY AS MUCH AS YUGOSLAWS;

(B) WE HAD RECEIVED REPORT OF INCIDENT FROM NYC AUTHORITIES AND HAD SATISFIED OURSELVES THAT NYPD AND FBI WERE INVESTIGATING IT IN A MATTER COMMENSURATE WITH U.S.G. RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ASSURING THE SAFETY OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS;

(C) WHILE WE TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTING FOREIGN OFFICIALS, IT IS OF COURSE IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVIDE 24 HOUR PROTECTION TO ALL SUCH OFFICIALS;

(D) SEVERAL OTHER PERSONS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN ROBBED BY THE SAME PERSON SHORTLY AFTER THE BULAJIC INCIDENT; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THEREFORE THAT BULAJIC WAS TARGET OF A PLANNED ACTION;

(E) DEPARTMENT WILL LOOK INTO MATTER OF EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER OF NYPD.

6. BROWN STRESSED THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN ATTEMPTING TO DEAL

WITH BROADER AND MORE SERIOUS MATTER OF ASSURING
SAFETY OF YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS IN LIGHT OF POSSIBLE THREATS
BY EMIGRE EXTREMIST ELEMENTS.
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